

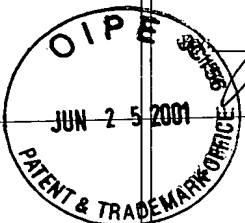
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/779,389

Filed: February 7, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVED
ARRAY PREPARATION

Examiner: Barba M. Koroma

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 21, 2001, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, 13-15, drawn to a method of preparing nucleic acid array on a support classified in class 536, subclass 25.3. Applicants' election is made with traverse, believing that the inventions noted by the Office could be searched in their entirety without undue burden.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

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